

Therefore,  
since we are surrounded by  
so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside  
every weight, and...

*run with endurance the race*  
that is set before us,  
*looking to Jesus*  
the founder and  
perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2





## Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

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August 21, 2022

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*Greater*

*Choir & Band*

**Welcome**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

*Choir & Band*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*LSB 805*

- △ 1 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

### **Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** Jesus said “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!”  
**C** Lord, consume everything in us that is sin, burn away our rebellious nature, and melt our cold hearts.  
**P** Jesus said “I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!”  
**C** Lord, crucify our sinful natures. Put to death our old selves and finish your new creation.  
**P** Jesus said “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”

- C** Lord, separate saint from sinner within us. Put to death our attempts to guide our own path and raise up trusting children made in your image.

*We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.*

- P** Our Lord Jesus accomplished peace through division, grace through judgment, and wholeness through fire. He has put to death our sin in his death and brought us forth from the grave with him into newness of life. In his stead and by his command I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. May he who has begun this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

- C** Amen!

### **Pax Domini**

- P** Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.
- C** And the God of love and peace will be with you. (*2 Corinthians 13:11,14*)
- P** May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

### *Lord of All Hopefulness*

*LSB 738*

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 23:23-29*

<sup>23</sup> “Am I only a God nearby,”  
declares the LORD,

“and not a God far away?

<sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places  
so that I cannot see them?”

declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”

declares the LORD.

<sup>25</sup> “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ <sup>26</sup> How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? <sup>27</sup> They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

<sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us

run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 12:49-56*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>49</sup>“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup>From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. <sup>55</sup>And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. <sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

## **Empty Grave**

*Choir and Band*

## **Homily**

### ***In God We Believe***

*Choir & Congregation*

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our how is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured.  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth, the church now, he does bless.**

**As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Presentation of the Offering**

*Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshiping and receiving communion with us today.*

*Stand*

### **Preface**

*spoken*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

### **Sanctus**

*Congregation & Choir*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory  
Holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.**

### ***Lord's Prayer***

*Bluegrass Band & Choir, Congregation*

**Our Father in heaven, we hallow thy name,  
May thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;  
O give to us daily our portion of bread:  
It is from thy bounty that all must be fed.**

**Forgive our transgressions and teach us to know  
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;  
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,  
And thine be the glory forever! Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

## *Lamb of God*

LSB 550

**1** Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**2** Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

**3** I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

*We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith.*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit.*

*God So Loved*

*Choir*

*There was Jesus*

*Duet*

*Bluegrass Accompaniment*

*Bluegrass Band*

### **Dismissal**

*Stand*

## *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

LSB 770

- 1   What a friend we have in Jesus,  
      All our sins and griefs to bear!  
      What a privilege to carry  
      Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
      Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
      Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
      All because we do not carry  
      Ev'rything to God in prayer!
  
- 2   Have we trials and temptations?  
      Is there trouble anywhere?  
      We should never be discouraged—  
      Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
      Can we find a friend so faithful  
      Who will all our sorrows share?  
      Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
      Take it to the Lord in prayer.
  
- 3   Are we weak and heavy laden,  
      Cumbered with a load of care?  
      Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
      Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
      Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
      Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
      In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
      Thou wilt find a solace there.

## **Benediction**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## *Pass the Promise*

*Choir and Congregation*

- 1   I will pray rejoicing from my heart  
      *Pray rejoicing from my heart*  
      For in him my victory's lifted high  
      *His salvation is my cry*  
      He has overcome my enemy  
      *Our praises scorn the enemy*  
      I delight in his deliverance  
      *The Lord is our deliverance.*

*Pass the promise to our sons and daughters  
God most high God our Father  
We bear witness*

2    **There is no one holy like the lord**  
          *Holy holy is the lord*  
**Our Rock and Refuge is our God**  
          *All the earth belongs to God*  
**Do not speak with pride of noble deed**  
          *For the Lord will weigh our every deed*  
**See the strong has lost the weak have gained**  
          *And from dust my life he raised.*  
**He will guard the feet of faith ones**  
          *He will hod his faithful ones*  
**But the wicked they will not prevail**  
          *Not by might will man prevail*  
**He is coming soon to judge the earth**  
          *He is coming soon to judge the earth*  
**For the Lord gives power to his King**  
          *All strength to his anointed King.*

*Pass the promise to our sons and daughters*  
*God most high God our Father*  
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## **Announcements**

### **Sending**

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## **Serving in Worship This Morning**

August 21, 2022

### **Pastor:**

Jason Neel

### **Elder:**

Jeff Williams and Justin Miller

### **Reader:**

Carl Schwanbeck

### **Band:**

Phil Nusbaum: Banjo  
Vincent Rose: Guitar  
Myra Burnette: Guitar  
Zachary Scanlan: Fiddle  
Graydon Peterson: Bass  
Steve Johnson: Harmonica  
Blake Peterson: Sound engineer  
Lisa Yares: Rhythm

### **Pastor:**

Jason Neel

### **Administration and set up:**

Laura Marquardt  
Sheryl Johnson  
Gerry Anderson

### **Technical:**

Nathaniel Marquardt  
Clayton Yares  
Blake Peterson

### **Ministers:**

Congregation of Spirit of Christ

### **Choir:**

Steve Johnson  
Jodi Rose  
Toni Peterson  
Robert Pajak  
Sue Anderson  
Natalie Hofman  
Gretchen Lynn  
Susan James  
Shari Pack  
Wayne Chambard  
Karen Callies  
Kevin Zimmerman  
Dana Rossow  
Monica Lux

### **Music Director:**

John Peterson

## In our prayers

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Linda Schwanbeck 8/24.

**Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:** Evangelyne Johnson 8/21, Mark Endorf 8/22, Hannah Schoenbauer 8/23, and Beth Degler 8/24.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Jay and Jody Rose 8/21 and Jeff and Deb Parson 8/21.

### Weekly Prayer Requests:

1. **Bluegrass Musicians:** Lord, we are thankful for the music and the musicians that are here today. Thank you for the praise and fellowship that is being shared. Lord, continue to work in the hearts of all who are here in worship today.
2. **Unchurched:** Lord, please use our lives and our story to build relationships that allow us to share your Good News with everyone around us. Holy Spirit, seek out the hearts of people who do not yet know you, help us Lord, to comply with your Great Commission.
3. **Health Issues:** Lord, we are thankful for the nurses, doctors, and health professional that you have equipped to care for us in our times of need. Please remind all in our community who are dealing with health issues of your presence and your care.
4. **Our council:** Lord, continue to guide our church council as they build our ministries. Give them wisdom and discernment and give our congregation willing hearts and hands to bring forth your will in this place.
5. **Stewardship:** Please pray for discernment, and guidance for the Stewardship Board as we seek to educate and encourage others in the areas of our God given gifts. Pray that our considerations will be where Christ is leading us, not where we might want to be led. Help us to focus not on what we can do, but rather on what our Lord can, has, and will do, to his glory and the benefit of those he loves.

### This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Prayer
Friday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Congregational Voter's Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

## **Notes of Information:**

**Sunday School Teachers Needed:** If you would like to teach Sunday School or be considered a substitute for Sunday school there will be a Sunday School teacher's meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, if you have any questions, please contact Leslie Kuntz at 763-592-9206 or email at [andleskuntz@gmail.com](mailto:andleskuntz@gmail.com)

**Confirmation Parents Meeting:** There will be a confirmation parents meeting on September 7 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jason.

**Board of Trustees:** Do you have a heart for building and property management? Do you like to fix things and serve God with your hands? Then the Board of Trustee's is the place to do that! SOC needs someone who has both the heart for maintenance as well as the administration skills needed to support the remodeling process to be the chair of this board. Please prayerfully consider serving our community in this capacity.

**Treasurer:** Sheryl Johnson is stepping down from her role as treasurer and we are in search of someone to take her place. During her tenure as treasurer, Sheryl has done a great job of automating a lot of the process. The treasurer position is approximately an 8 to 10 hour a month commitment. If you are interested in this position, please reach out to Sandy Elhardt at 612-269-3470.

**Thrivent Action Team Needed:** The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee is looking for Thrivent Action Team dollars to offset the costs of food and tent rental for the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration in October. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to help in this way, please contact Diane Weinhold at 612-270-0232

**Quarterly Voter's Meeting:** There will be a quarterly voter's meeting held on Sunday August 28 following the worship service. This meeting is our regular quarterly meeting and will be an update on what is going on with the various boards and activities within our congregation.

**Fantasy Football:** If you would like to join in SOC's fantasy football league, there will be a draft on Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The draft will be held at the Marquardt's home. If you would like more information or if you have questions, contact Phil Marquardt at 763-439-1498 or [Phlipon@hotmail.com](mailto:Phlipon@hotmail.com)

**Outreach Bible Study:** This fall the Evangelism Board will be hosting an outreach bible study for adults living with disabilities. The Evangelism Board is partnering with a local agency, Life by Design, who serves people with disabilities in Anoka County, the goal is to host a vibrant and inclusive bible study. You can support this endeavor by attending the bible study as a participant or you can become a potential host partner to a LBDI participant. If you are interested in learning more there will be a short training session on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please see any member of the Evangelism Board for more information or if you have questions. Members of the board are Carl

Schwanbeck, Les and Suzanne Geren, Monica Lux, Cheryl Herschman and Chuck Johnson.

**Mark your Calendars:** SOC turns 40 this year! We will be having a party to celebrate this milestone on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30!

**Rally Day:** Rally Day will be held on Sunday September 11 following education hour with a picnic and games. If you have Thrivent Action Team Dollars to help defray the cost of this event, please reach out to Laura in the church office.

**Barn Clean Out:** The following items need a new home: 2 walk-behind fertilizer spreaders and 6 eight-foot particle board folding tables. If you are interested see Gerry Anderson or John Peterson.

**Note from the Evangelism Board:** God is a good and gracious giver. He always provides us with everything that we need to do the work to which He has called us. Some of what the Lord provides comes in a special way through his Means of Grace and the working of the Holy Spirit. There is certainly no way that we could be faithful and effective witnesses without these gifts. But much of what we have available to us to bear witness of Jesus in the world is found in the things that God has created and given to all people. First Article gifts of "my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses" (Small Catechism). These gifts are given to us to make us fully equipped to do the work of being Christ's witnesses in our everyday lives.

**Gaga ball and bon fire:** 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders (and our recently graduated or college students) are invited to a night of Gaga Ball, smores and bon fires the last Wednesday of the month. Be sure to invite a friend or two to join in the fun. The next night will be Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.

**The Luther House in Rochester:** The former parsonage of Trinity Lutheran Church Rochester has been converted into The Luther House. This facility consists of three units that will provide a comfortable and free place to stay for LCMS members in need who are seeking medical treatment at Mayo Clinic. All units will share a main entry and laundry but will have private/locked entrances. If you are or will be in Rochester receiving medical care and need support, please email or call Tricia at 507-218-1531 or [lutherhouse@trinitylutheranchurch.org](mailto:lutherhouse@trinitylutheranchurch.org)

**NACE:** There is an increased need for new socks and underwear donations in all sizes. As always there is need for nonperishable food items and/or cash donations. Also, hygiene items, diapers, toothpaste. Any questions call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652.

**Book Club:** The book for August will be *The Orphan's Tale*. The Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet on **Monday, August 22 at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend our book review. Call Joan Mager at 763-434-9652 if you have any questions.

**Sermons and bulletins posted online:** Audio and video recordings of worship sermons and digital bulletins are posted weekly. Bulletins and past sermons can be found at [www.spiritofchristhamlake.org](http://www.spiritofchristhamlake.org)

**Main Street Living:** Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The broadcast has two parts. Remastered episodes of the Emmy award-winning Lutheran Hour Ministries “This is the Life” program was originally aired from the 1950’s to the 1980’s. This program has been re-mastered to the modern format. The Worship Service is produced locally and features a different presenter each week selected from the Pastors in each broadcast area. 9+ Sunday Mornings at 9 am.

**Offerings via Give+:** Online giving is easy to do, one-time gifts and recurring donations are accepted. Visit the link at [soclc.org](http://soclc.org) to sign up or learn more

<b>August 7, 2022</b>	
Average Offering	\$6754
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6335

**Readings for next week:  
Proverbs 25:6-7, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14**

# **Upcoming Events at Spirit of Christ**

- August 31, 2022**                      **Gaga Ball and Bonfire at 6:00 p.m. Join our Middle School and High School Youth Group for a fun night of Gaga Ball and S'mores**
- September 11, 2022**                **Rally Day- Join us for worship at 9 am and stay to kick off our new Sunday School and Adult Education hour with a fabulous picnic sponsored by the Spirit of Christ Church Council.**
- September 18, 2022**                **New Member Welcome Celebration. Join us following worship to celebrate all the new members that have joined our community.**
- September 28, 2022**                **Gaga Ball and Bonfire at 6:00 p.m. Join our Middle School and High School Youth Group for a fun night of Gaga Ball and S'mores**
- October 1, 2022**                      **LWML Zone Rally starting at 9 am. For more information reach out the Renee Chambard at 612-839-0459**
- October 9, 2022**                      **Spirit of Christ celebrates 40 years in ministry this October. On October 9<sup>th</sup> there will be an all church reunion and picnic held. Join us for a fun afternoon of memories, fellowship and great food.**
- October 29, 2022**                      **Trunk or Treat. Bring your kids, grandkids and any other kiddo in your life and trick or treat in our parking lot. The more trunks the merrier, if you would like to participate with a trunk, reach out to Laura in the church office at 763-755-7234. The fun starts at 5 pm!**
- November 11, 2022**                      **Bunco night in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm.**



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